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BOLD HEADLINES SHOUTED, "BATMAN IS INVISIBLE," AND THE UNDERWORLD TREMBLED! FOR HOW COULD HOODLUMS DARE TO MATCH WITS WITH THE MASTER CRIME-FIGHTER NOW, WHEN HE WAS LESS THAN A SHADOW? BUT ONE MAN WAS ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS UNIQUE SITUATION, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF

the INVISIBLE BATMAN

BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

I CAN'T SEE YOU NOW, BATMAN-- BUT I WILL IN A MINUTE!

GREAT SCOTT! HAS HE REALLY FOUND A WAY TO MAKE ME VISIBLE?

AS DARKNESS BLANKETS GOTHAM CITY, THE FAMED BATMOBILE RACES THROUGH THE STREETS...

WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO ROB A BULB FACTORY, BATMAN?

DON'T KNOW, ROBIN! BUT LET'S INVESTIGATE THE POLICE REPORT WE JUST PICKED UP ON OUR RADIO!

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WOW! IT'S BATMAN! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

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HEY, IT SAYS NOT TO GO IN HERE!

WITH **BATMAN** BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS, WHO CARES ABOUT SIGNS? LET'S GO!

DO NOT ENTER LABORATORY WHEN LIGHT IS ON-- DANGER!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY, **BATMAN!**

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

WITH UNERRING SKILL, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER SENDS HIS SILKEN ROPE WHISTLING THROUGH THE AIR, AND...

I MISSED **BATMAN** BUT HIT THE CONTROL BOARD! THE RAY MACHINE'S BEAM CHANGED COLOR AS HE SAILED THROUGH!

BANG!

YEAH, AND HE'S STILL COMING STRAIGHT FOR US!

ABRUPTLY...

I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! **BATMAN IS FADING AWAY!**

THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU TWO!

HEY, WE'RE BEING HELD-- BUT I CAN'T SEE BY WHAT OR WHOM!

GREAT SCOTT, HE'S RIGHT! **I'VE BECOME INVISIBLE!**

AFTER THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE, **BATMAN** QUESTIONS THE SCIENTIST IN CHARGE...

WE USE THAT RAY GUN TO EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT WAVES! THAT THIEF'S SHOT SENT SOME UNKNOWN RAY THROUGH YOUR BODY, MAKING YOU AND EVERYTHING YOU'RE NOW WEARING INVISIBLE!

BUT, DOCTOR, DOES THAT MEAN THAT **BATMAN** WILL REMAIN **PERMANENTLY** INVISIBLE?

WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT, **ROBIN!** WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE RAY'S EFFECTS WILL WEAR OFF IN TIME!

AS THE **BATMOBILE** SPEEDS HOMEWARD, A SOMBER THOUGHT TROUBLES **ROBIN**...

NOW THAT YOU'RE INVISIBLE, **BATMAN,** YOU PROBABLY WON'T NEED MY HELP ANY MORE!

LET'S NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, **ROBIN!** WE'LL WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

NEXT DAY, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON, SECRETLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN,** THE BOY WONDER...

BEING INVISIBLE WILL GIVE ME SOME ADVANTAGES, ALFRED, BUT IT WILL CREATE PROBLEMS, TOO!

HERE COMES ONE OF THOSE PROBLEMS NOW!

IT'S MRS. DUMONT, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOTHAM COMMUNITY CHEST! IF SHE LEARNS YOU'RE INVISIBLE, TOO, SHE'LL KNOW YOU AND **BATMAN** MUST BE THE SAME PERSON!

GOOD GRIEF! I FORGOT ABOUT TONIGHT'S DINNER! STALL HER A FEW MINUTES, **ROBIN,** THEN SHOW HER IN!

YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE MR. WAYNE! HE'S HAVING HIS DAILY SHAVE!

WON'T YOU HAVE A SEAT, MRS. DUMONT?

SMART THINKING, BRUCE!

I WANTED TO REMIND YOU ABOUT YOUR SPEECH AT THE DINNER TONIGHT! YOU'RE OUR GUEST OF HONOR!

I'LL BE THERE-- NEVER FEAR!

AFTER MRS. DUMONT LEAVES ...

BUT, BRUCE, HOW CAN YOU GO TO THE DINNER WHEN YOU'RE INVISIBLE?

I DON'T KNOW YET, BUT I'VE GOT TO-- OTHERWISE, EVERYONE MIGHT SUSPECT THE TRUTH -- THAT I'M **BATMAN!**

MEANWHILE, IN AN UNDERGROUND HANGOUT...

YOU SEE, SMILEY! THAT'S HOW **BATMAN** NABBED OUR BOYS AT THE BULB FACTORY! WE CAN'T BEAT AN INVISIBLE MAN!

ON THE CONTRARY, LOU! NOT EVEN **BATMAN** CAN STOP US FROM FINISHING THE JOB!

BATMAN INVISIBLE

WHAT? HOW CAN YOU BEAT A GUY IF YOU CAN'T SEE HIM?

THAT'S WHAT **BATMAN** FIGURES, TOO! THAT'S WHY HE WON'T BE READY FOR MY LITTLE BAG OF TRICKS TONIGHT!

AND SO, EARLY THAT NIGHT...

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, **BATMAN!** FIRST, SMILEY'S GANG BREAKS INTO A BULB FACTORY AND NOW A BAKERY!

Old Mill BREAD

I KNOW! BUT THAT'S THE TIP WE GOT, AND IT'S WORTH TAKING A LOOK! WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST! THAT CHARITY DINNER BEGINS IN ONE HOUR!

YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE, **ROBIN!** SINCE I'M INVISIBLE, I'LL BE PERFECTLY SAFE! NO POINT IN ENDANGERING YOU! IF I NEED YOU, I'LL SIGNAL!

OKAY!

I WAS AFRAID IT WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY! NOW THAT HE'S INVISIBLE, HE DOESN'T NEED ME ANY MORE! OUR CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM IS FINISHED!

SILENTLY, THE INVISIBLE **BATMAN** ENTERS THE BAKERY...

SOY FLOUR, EH? NOW I THINK I KNOW WHAT SMILEY IS AFTER! BUT I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR HIM!

NO, **BATMAN**, IT'S YOU WHO ARE ABOUT TO BE SURPRISED!

THERE HE IS! **GET HIM!** WE'VE TRAPPED THE INVISIBLE **BATMAN**!

HE'S POINTING STRAIGHT AT ME! BUT HOW DOES HE KNOW I'M HERE IF HE CAN'T SEE ME?

SOY FLOUR

SO THAT'S IT! HE COATED THE FLOOR WITH FLOUR TO SHOW MY FOOTPRINTS! THIS WAS A TRAP! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO--

--AND THAT'S TO JUMP!

HEY, SMILEY! I CAN'T FEEL HIM! THE FOOTPRINTS END HERE--BUT THERE'S NO **BATMAN**!

HE TOOK TO THE AIR, JUST LIKE I FIGURED! BUT THIS WILL BRING HIM DOWN--A VACUUM CLEANER NOZZLE ATTACHED TO THE EXHAUST, LOADED WITH FLOUR!

HUH?

THE VACUUM EMITS A FINE WHITE SPRAY, REVEALING...

BATMAN! THE FLOUR SETTLED ON HIM, MAKING HIM VISIBLE! WE'LL GET HIM NOW!

HERE'S SOMETHING HOT FOR YOU -- STRAIGHT FROM THE OVEN!

UGH!

BUT, ALL AT ONCE...

THE OVEN DOOR SWUNG OPEN! I'M FALLING!

WE'VE GOT YOU NOW, BATMAN! AT LAST, WE'LL FIND OUT YOUR OTHER IDENTITY BY REMOVING YOUR HOOD!

OH, NO! SMILEY, HE'S ONLY GOT HALF A FACE!

THE FLOUR DIDN'T SETTLE ON THE UPPER HALF! BUT WE'LL FIX THAT RIGHT NOW!

IS THIS THE END OF BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY?

SUDDENLY, FROM THE SKYLIGHT ABOVE...

I HAD A HUNCH YOU MIGHT STILL NEED ME, BATMAN! AND HERE I AM!

OOF!

POWDERED EGGS

A BLAST OF AIR SHOULD BLOW THAT FLOUR OFF YOU!

SMILEY! HE'S INVISIBLE AGAIN!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

ROBIN! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO BUTTER THEM UP!

BUTTER

HEY! I'M SLIPPING! AHHHH!

WE BASTED THEM IN BUTTER, BATMAN! NOW THE POLICE CAN GRILL THEM! HA, HA, HA!

XXX

AFTER THE GANG HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE...

YOU WERE RIGHT, BATMAN! IT WAS FILLED WITH GOLD DUST!

PART OF THAT SMUGGLED GOLD SHIPMENT FROM JAPAN THE POLICE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR! I SUSPECTED IT WHEN I REMEMBERED, TUNGSTEN AND SOY ARE MAJOR JAPANESE EXPORTS!

SOY FLOUR

WE STILL HAVE 20 MINUTES TO MAKE THAT CHARITY DINNER! BUT HOW CAN YOU APPEAR WHEN YOU'RE INVISIBLE?

SMILEY SHOWED ME HOW WHEN HE SPRAYED ME WITH FLOUR!

IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE...

I GET IT! THE MAKE-UP AND WIG WILL MAKE YOU VISIBLE AGAIN!

RIGHT! AND, WHEN I WEAR MY TUXEDO AND WHITE GLOVES, THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE FOOLED!

SHORTLY, AS BRUCE ADDRESSES THE GUESTS...

I DIDN'T KNOW THE DINNER WAS GOING TO BE TELEVISED! THOSE LIGHTS ARE SURE HOT!

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GOTHAM COMMUNITY CHEST

THE HEAT'S MAKING BRUCE PERSPIRE! THAT'S BOUND TO REMOVE HIS MAKEUP, SHOWING HE'S INVISIBLE!

SUDDENLY, A SIMPLE, COMMON GESTURE THREATENS DISASTER!

GREAT SCOTT! I WIPED MY FACE, AND THE MAKE-UP CAME OFF! THAT MEANS I'VE REVEALED MYSELF AS THE *INVISIBLE BATMAN!*

OH, NO! THE MAKE-UP CAME OFF, BUT I'M **NOT** INVISIBLE! MY BODY HAS RESUMED ITS NORMAL APPEARANCE, JUST AS THE SCIENTIST SAID IT MIGHT!

LISTEN TO THAT APPLAUSE, BRUCE! THEY WERE SURE GLAD TO SEE YOU TONIGHT!

I WAS GLAD THEY *COULD* SEE ME, DICK! VERY GLAD!

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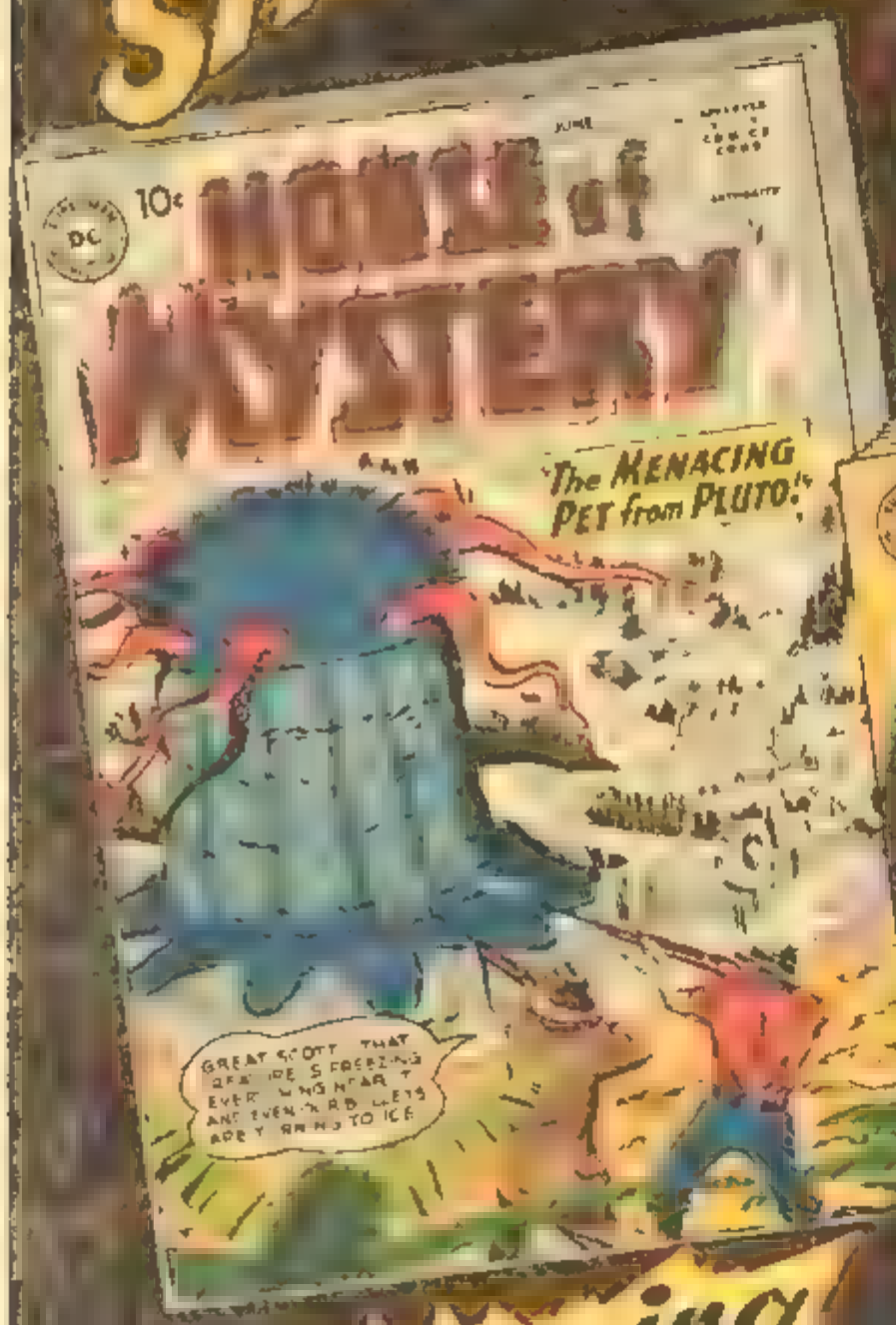
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ONCE AGAIN, THAT BIZARRE BANDIT KNOWN AS THE **SIGNALMAN** CHALLENGES **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TO A DUEL OF WITS! ONCE AGAIN, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS BATTLE THE BRAZEN CRIMINAL WHO USES **SIGNS FOR CRIME**! HOW THEY FARE IN THEIR HUNT TO BRING THIS FANTASTIC FELON TO JUSTICE, IS REVEALED IN...

THE RETURN OF SIGNALMAN

BATMAN

ROBIN

YOU'RE FINISHED, **SIGNALMAN**!

OH, NO, **BATMAN**, I'VE JUST **BEGUN**! YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME!

BOB KANE

FROM GOTHAM PRISON A SIREN SHRILLS... SIGNALING THE ESCAPE OF A PRISONER.

WHEEEEE

HOW VERY FITTING... THAT A **SIGNAL** SHOULD TELL OF ME... THE **SIGNALMAN**!

SOON AFTER, HAVING CHANGED TO HIS BIZARRE GARB, THE **SIGNALMAN** VISITS AN UNDERWORLD HANGOUT...

ONCE YOU WOULDN'T JOIN ME BECAUSE I HAD NO REPUTATION! WELL, I HAVE ONE NOW!

YEAH--AS THE GUY **BATMAN** PUT IN JAIL! YOU STILL HAVEN'T PROVED TO US THAT YOU CAN OUTSMART HIM! BEAT IT!

ANGRILY, **SIGNALMAN** RETURNS TO HIS STRANGE HIDEOUT AND MAKES A VOW...

I'LL SHOW THEM! BEFORE I'M THROUGH, THEY'LL COME CRAWLING, BEGGING ME TO LET THEM JOIN MY GANG!

NEXT DAY, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER ARE SUMMONED TO POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

THIS CAME FOR YOU, **BATMAN**! THE **SIGNALMAN** IS AT IT AGAIN -- CHALLENGING YOU TO ANOTHER BATTLE OF WITS!

I EXPECTED THAT TO HAPPEN! NO DOUBT HE'S SENT CLUES FOR ME TO DECIPHER -- AS HE DID BEFORE I HAD HIM SENT TO JAIL!

FROM THE BOX, **BATMAN** EXTRACTS CRYPTIC CLUES SIGNALING HIS FOES NEXT CRIME...

LOOK! TWO MASKS! THE MASKS OF TRAGEDY AND LAUGHTER -- SYMBOLS OF THE **THEATRE**!

AND THIS IS A **SAILING** SYMBOL WHICH APPEARS ON ORDERS -- INDICATING A VESSEL IS TO MAKE A SHORT TRIP!

DOES THAT MEAN THE **SIGNALMAN** INTENDS TO STRIKE AT A **THEATRE** WHICH MAKES SHORT **VOYAGES**? BUT THAT'S NONSENSE! A THEATRE CAN'T **SAIL**!

OH, CAN'T IT?

NIGHTFALL -- AND A FANTASTIC FIGURE MOVES ACROSS A VESSEL'S DECK.

"HA, HA"! I WONDER IF **BATMAN** FIGURED OUT THAT THERE **IS** A THEATRE THAT **SAILS**...

THIS OLD **SHOWBOAT** THAT MAKES PERIODIC STOPS AT VARIOUS PORTS! "HA, HA"! NOW I'LL STEAL THE SHOW'S BOX-OFFICE RECEIPTS WHILE IT'S DOCKED, AND BE ON MY WAY! "HA, HA"!

TWO FIGURES LEAP DOWN.

BATMAN AND ROBIN!

I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, SIGNALMAN! YOU SEE I KNEW ABOUT THIS SHOWBOAT JOB!

ABRUPTLY, SIGNALMAN HURLS AN OBJECT AT ONE OF THE SMOKESTACKS, AND..

I SHOULD BE WAVING A RED FLAG, BATMAN — WHICH WARNS OF AN EXPLOSIVE!

GREAT SCOTT! HE'S THROWN A STICK OF DYNAMITE!

BOOM!

CRASH

ROBIN! MOVE -- FAST!

ALL THOUGHTS OF CAPTURING THE SIGNALMAN ARE FORGOTTEN NOW AS A NEW DANGER ARISES.

THE SPARKS FROM THE SMOKESTACK HAVE SET THE DECK ON FIRE! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PUT IT OUT WITH THE OLD-FASHIONED FIRE BUCKETS THIS SHOWBOAT CARRIES!

WAYB- WE CAN- BY USING THE BUCKETS ANOTHER WAY!

SWIFTLY, BATMAN TIES BUCKETS TO THE PADDLEWHEEL AND THEN

LUCKILY, THE SHIP'S UNDER STEAM! ROBIN, TAKE THE WHEEL -- FULL SPEED AHEAD!

RIGHT!

SOON, THE PADDLEWHEEL CHURNS UNTIL THE BUCKETS ON IT SPLASH A CONTINUOUS FLOOD OF WATER OVER THE FLAMES

YOUR TRICK WORKED, **BATMAN!** THE FIRES GOING OUT!

YES, **ROBIN**--BUT **SIGNALMAN** ESCAPED WHILE WE WERE BUSY SAVING THIS SHOWBOAT!

BUT HE WENT AWAY EMPTY-HANDED! WE SAVED THE SHOWBOAT'S BOX-OFFICE RECEIPTS!

HIS DEFEAT WILL MAKE HIM WORK TWICE AS HARD TO GET THE LOOT HE'S AFTER THE NEXT TIME!

NEXT DAY, AS **BATMAN** ANTICIPATED, THE BRAZEN **SIGNALMAN** SENDS ANOTHER SET OF SIGN-CLUES.

AN ASTROLOGY SYMBOL--**SAGITTARIUS, THE ARCHER!**

AND THIS IS A CHESS SYMBOL--FOR A **CASTLE!**

HOW CAN HE PLAN TO ROB A **CASTLE** WHEN THERE ARE NO CASTLES IN GOTHAM CITY? WE'RE NOT IN OLD ENGLAND!

BUT I DO KNOW WHERE THERE IS A BIT OF OLD ENGLAND--AND A FAMOUS ARCHER, TOO! LET'S GO--!

SHORTLY, NOT FAR OFF..

FEAR NOT, GOOD QUEEN--I WILL NOT LET PRINCE JOHN STEAL YOUR PRECIOUS NECKLACE FROM YOU!

OH, THANK YOU, GOOD ROBIN HOOD!

CUT! YOU CAN COME DOWN NOW--AND MISS LANOR, TAKE CARE OF THAT NECKLACE! REMEMBER, IT'S THE REAL THING--BORROWED FOR THIS MOVIE!

AS THE ACTRESS WALKS ACROSS THE MAKE-BELIEVE CASTLE, SUDDENLY A SUIT OF ARMOR COMES TO LIFE!

EEEEK!

MAYBE "PRINCE JOHN" WON'T GET THE NECKLACE--BUT THE ***SIGNALMAN*** WILL!

ABRUPTLY, TWO FIGURES HURTLE UP FROM A CATAPULT..

BATMAN AND ***ROBIN*** AGAIN! I EXPECTED ***BATMAN*** TO FIGURE OUT MY CLUE, BUT NOT SO QUICKLY!

ALIGHTING, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS DART AFTER THE FLEEING BANDIT...

THIS ARROW WILL BE YOUR ***DIRECTIONAL SIGN***--POINTING THE WAY TO YOUR DOOM!

INSTANTLY, ***BATMAN*** WHIPS A SIGN FROM THE WALL, AND...

AND THIS SIGN MEANS YOU SPOKE TOO SOON!

QUIET DURING SHOOTING

TURNING THE CORNER, ***ROBIN*** LEAPS FOR HIS QUARRY.

BATMAN! I'VE GOT HIM!

CLANG!

ULP! I WAS FOOLED! THE ARMOR'S ***EMPTY***! HE MUST HAVE PLANTED A DUPLICATE OF HIS SUIT HERE--JUST IN CASE HE WAS CHASED!

WE HAVE TO FIND HIM! WE CAN'T LET HIM ESCAPE WITH THAT NECKLACE!

AS THE DYNAMIC DUO HASTILY SEARCHES THE STUDIO ...

BATMAN--LOOK! A CHECKERED FLAG! THE SIGNALMAN MUST'VE JUST THROWN IT TO YOU! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IT'S A SIGN THAT WE'LL NEVER CATCH UP TO HIM NOW.

THE CHECKERED FLAG IS USED TO START AN AUTO RACE!

Gotham Studios

AND THIS IS ONE AUTO RACE WE CAN NEVER WIN! WITH THE HEAD START HE'S GOT NOT EVEN OUR BATMOBILE COULD CATCH UP TO HIS RACING CAR!

LATER, THE SIGNALMAN GLOATS OVER THE NEWS OF HIS TRIUMPH

I'M ON THE FRONT PAGE! I'VE SHOWN EVERY CROOK IN GOTHAM CITY THAT I CAN GET AWAY WITH LOOT! AND WHEN I SHOW THEM HOW I CAN MAKE A FOOL OF BATMAN, THEY'LL COME RUNNING TO JOIN ME! HA, HA!

THE NEXT DAY, A TRULY CHALLENGING CLUE ARRIVES FROM THE SIGNALMAN--A FLASHLIGHT THAT BEAMS A MINIATURE BAT-SIGNAL...

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS MEANS?

IT HAS TO DO WITH ME PERSONALLY! HE PLANS TO STEAL SOMETHING WHICH BELONGS TO ME!

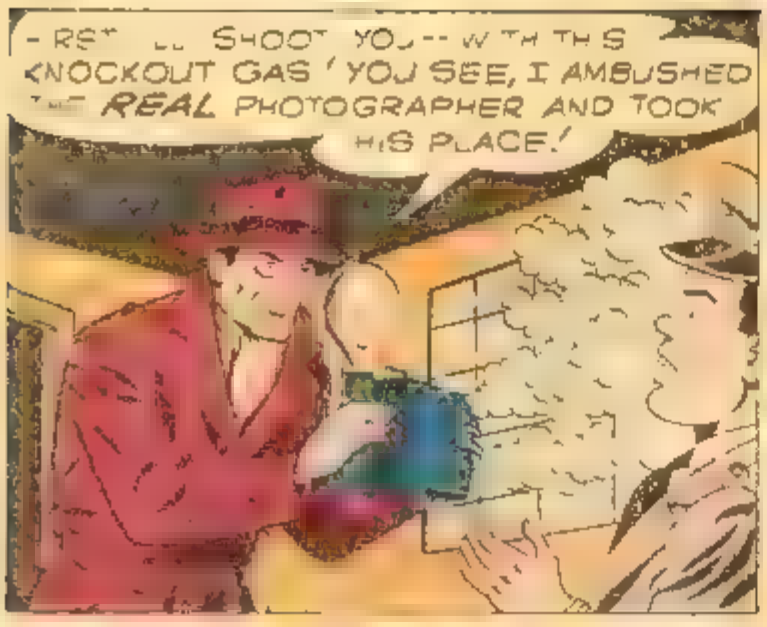
LATER, AT AN EXHIBITION HALL HONORING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

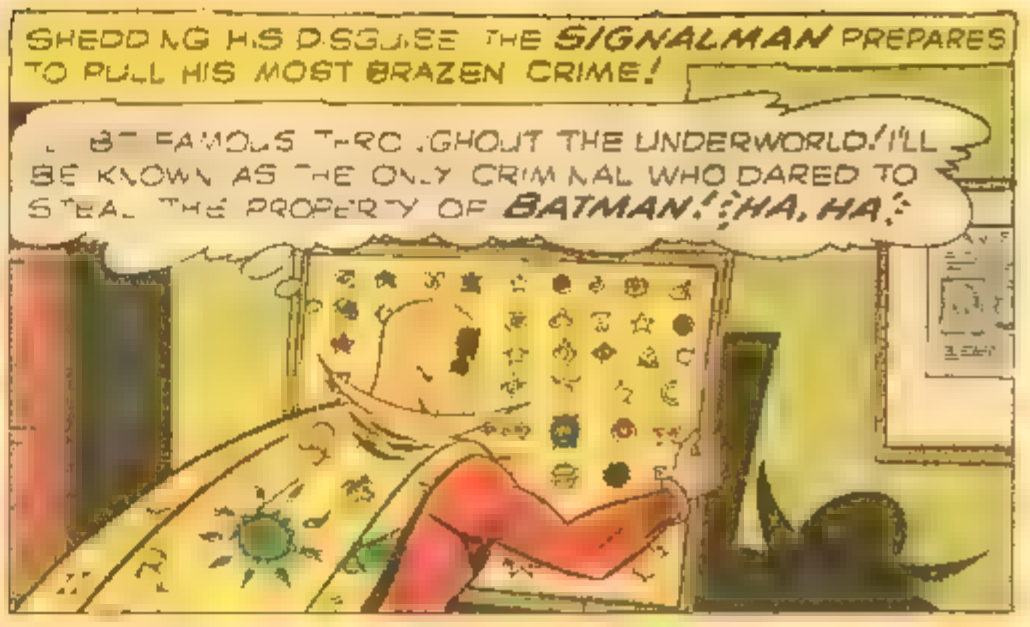
I'M FROM PICTURE MAGAZINE! I'M TO TAKE SOME SHOTS OF THE EXHIBIT BEFORE IT OPENS TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW!

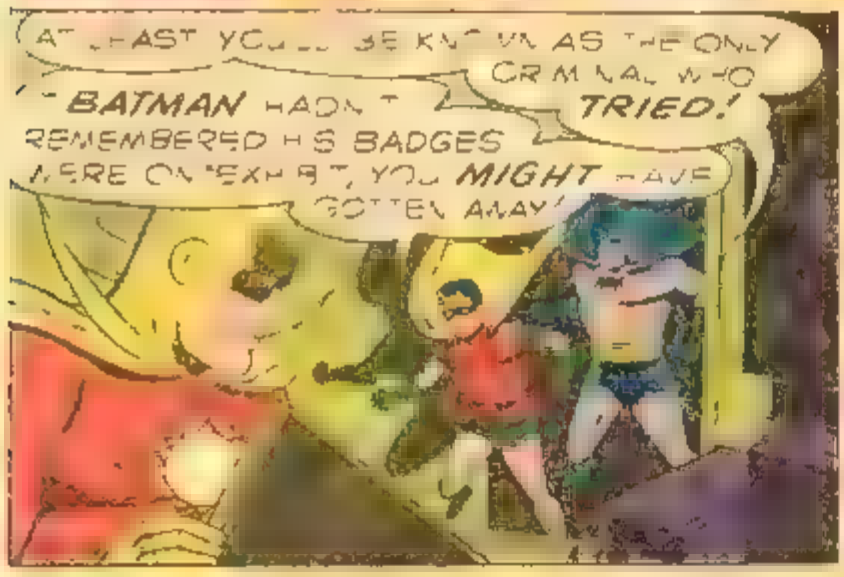
I WAS EXPECTING YOU! THERE'S NOBODY BUT ME AROUND, SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE YOUR PICTURES WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED!

INSIDE THE GUARD LEADS THE VISITOR TO THE PROUDEST EXHIBIT

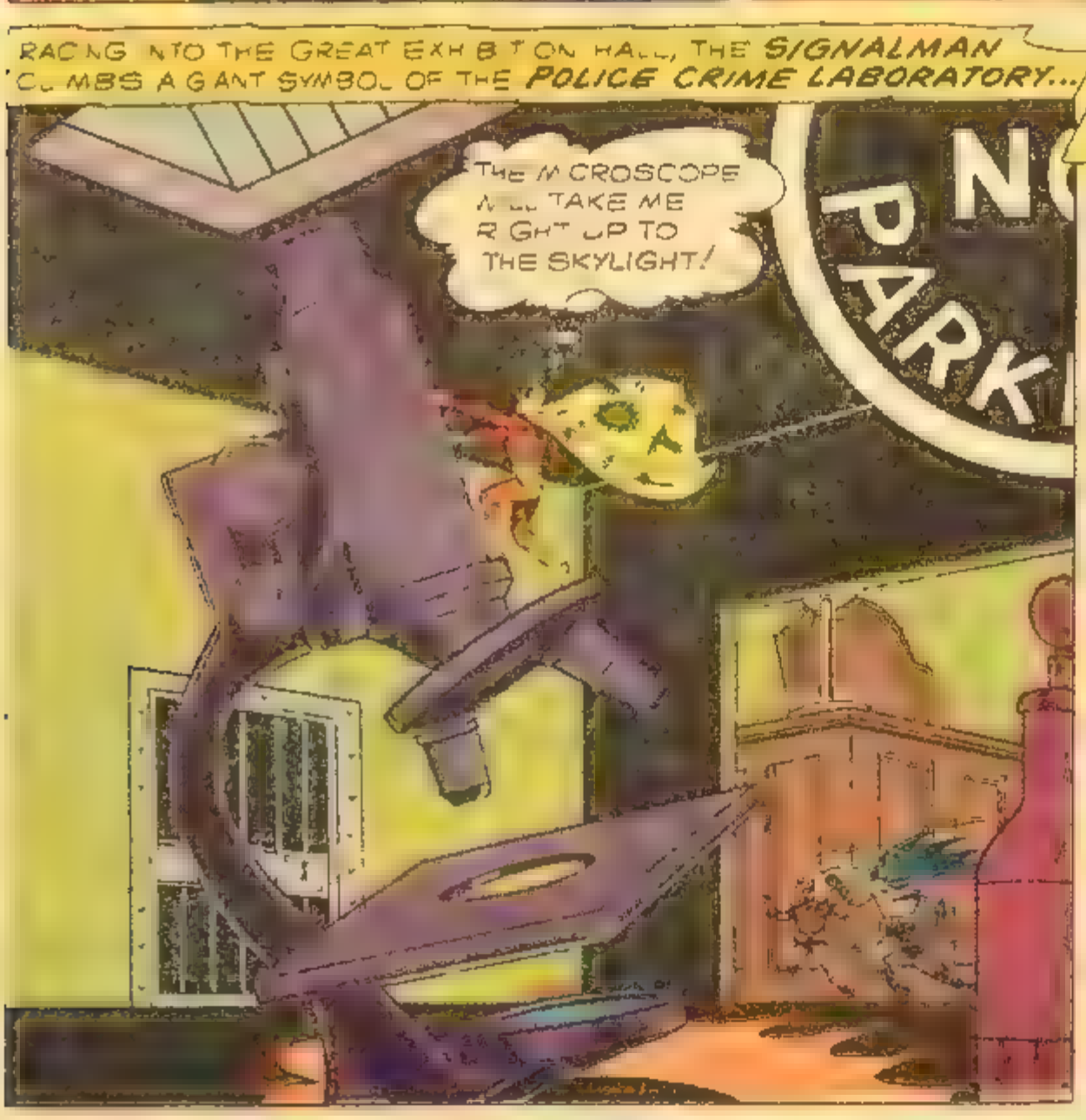
HERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOU--HONORARY POLICE BADGES GIVEN TO BATMAN FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD!


- RE... SHOOT YOU -- WITH THIS KNOCKOUT GAS! YOU SEE, I AMBUSHED THE REAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND TOOK HIS PLACE!


SHEDDING HIS DISGUISE THE SIGNALMAN PREPARES TO PULL HIS MOST BRAZEN CRIME!
...BE FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE UNDERWORLD! I'LL BE KNOWN AS THE ONLY CRIMINAL WHO DARED TO STEAL THE PROPERTY OF BATMAN! HA, HA!


AT LEAST YOU'LL BE KNOWN AS THE ONLY CRIMINAL WHO TRIED!
BATMAN HADN'T REMEMBERED HIS BADGES WERE ON EXHIBIT, YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN AWAY!

I STILL CAN! AND YOUR OWN BADGES WILL HELP ME, BATMAN!


RACING INTO THE GREAT EXHIBITION HALL, THE SIGNALMAN CLIMBS A GIANT SYMBOL OF THE POLICE CRIME LABORATORY...
THE MICROSCOPE WILL TAKE ME RIGHT UP TO THE SKYLIGHT!
PARK

BUT BATMAN FOLLOWS SWIFTLY -- SCALING A STATUE IN HONOR OF THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT...
THIS STOP SIGN SHOULD HELP ME PUT A STOP TO SIGNALMAN'S CAREER!

THAT OPEN SKYLIGHT MAY SYMBOLIZE FREEDOM-- BUT YOU'LL NEVER MAKE

NO - YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME, NEVER!

BUT A WELL-PLACED PUNCH BY BATMAN BRINGS THE MANHUNT TO A CLOSE..

UGH!

ONE WAY

THAT'S ONE SIGN YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT, SIGNALMAN -- THE SCALES OF JUSTICE!

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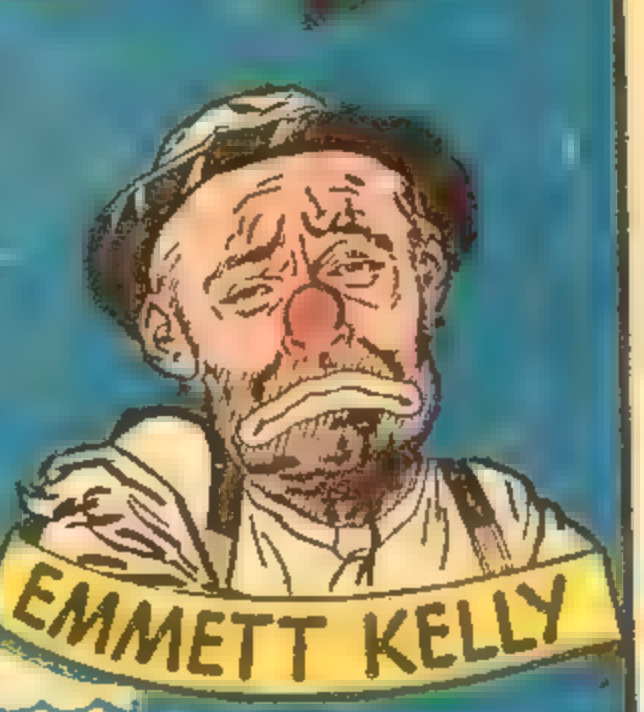

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OFF-DUTY HERO

EVEN now, on his day off in plain clothes, Patrolman Johnny Chase felt a surge of envy well up within him, as he strolled the sunny avenue. How he would like this area for his beat,-bustling with activity, traffic jammed bumper to bumper, pedestrians almost shoulder to shoulder. But as a rookie he had been assigned to the hinterlands, to the precinct's most remote area, a long, silent stretch of beach, where the only sound that accompanied his clicking heels was the wail of the gulls or the whistle of a far-off steamer.

Jostled by the crowd, Johnny Chase experienced some inner excitement. He was among people, and the din of auto horns was like music to his ears, and the carbon monoxide exhaust fumes were like the fragrance of flowers

It took him a moment or two to separate the noise, for down the street there suddenly came a shout. Johnny Chase cut a path for himself through the mob. Outside, or, rather, inside a corner jewelry shop, something had happened

"It's a robbery!" he overheard someone say.

And as if to punctuate that observation, a balding, red-faced man scurried out of the shop, crying, "I've been held up! Stop the thieves!"

Obviously, the thieves had planned the robbery at this particular time in order to be able to lose themselves in the throng. The only officer on hand was a mounted patrolman, who desperately tried to keep the crowd in check, leaning from his horse to brush back the pedestrians with his left hand

Minutes later. the harsh sound of sirens cut through the air, and radio cars gravitated from all directions to the scene of the brazen, mid-day crime. Johnny Chase greeted his fellow officers, whom he remembered from his own precinct, then shouldered his way through the pressing mob, to let the officers go about their job

At the corner, he straightened his tie, pushed back his hat so that it sat squarely on his head. The avenue was still choked with people. He glanced down the side street. Save for an occasional shopper entering or leaving a store, and lines of cars parked along the curbs, it was empty. He would continue his stroll down here.

He hadn't taken more than a dozen steps when down the street he saw the mounted patrolman, who had tried to keep the crowd in check back at the jewelry shop. He was sitting erect, reins loosely held in his right hand, as the horse walked between the parked cars. Johnny Chase stared long and hard at the officer, wondering what it was about him that disturbed him. And thought was translated into instantaneous action, as Johnny Chase sped after him, and before the officer knew what was happening or could resist, Johnny Chase was wrenching him from the saddle and into the street

The man paled before Johnny Chase's service pistol. "You were the lookout for those holdup men," Johnny snapped, "and you kept things in confusion until they could get away. And just before the prowl cars arrived, you took a powder, too, because you'd be recognized as a phony."

"How did you catch on?" asked the impostor

"I thought there was something wrong with the way you were handling that mob, but it didn't occur to me that it was your left hand that was free until I saw you riding now. A mounted officer never holds the reins in his *right* hand, because he uses it to fire his weapon and to salute!"

That day, the arrested accomplice revealed where his companions could be found.

The next day, Johnny Chase said farewell to the gulls and began his new beat in the busy heart of town.

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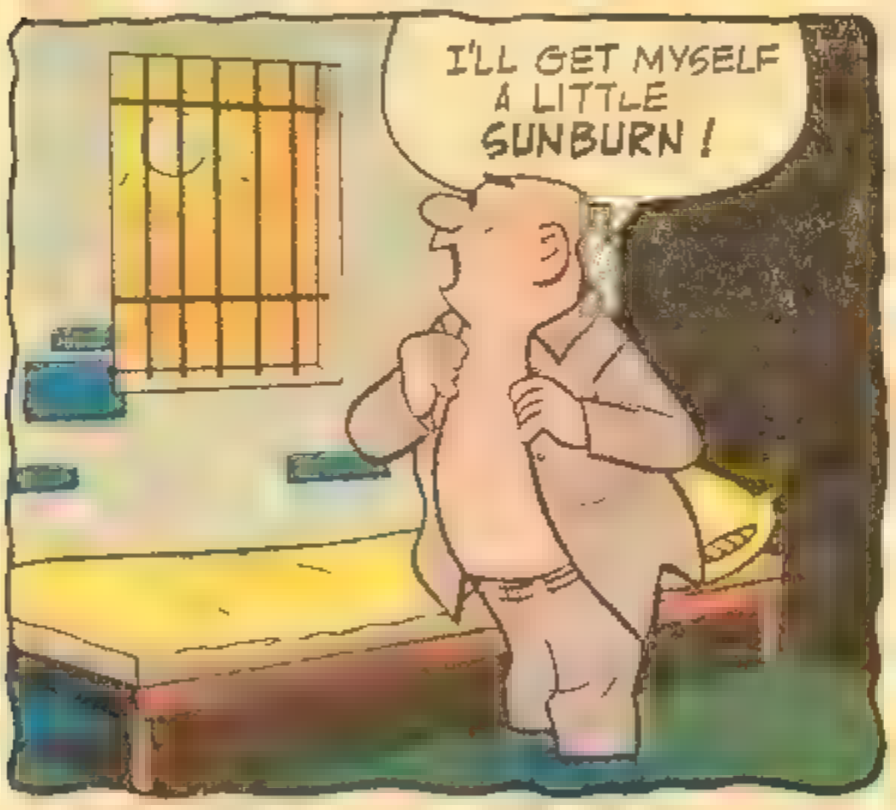
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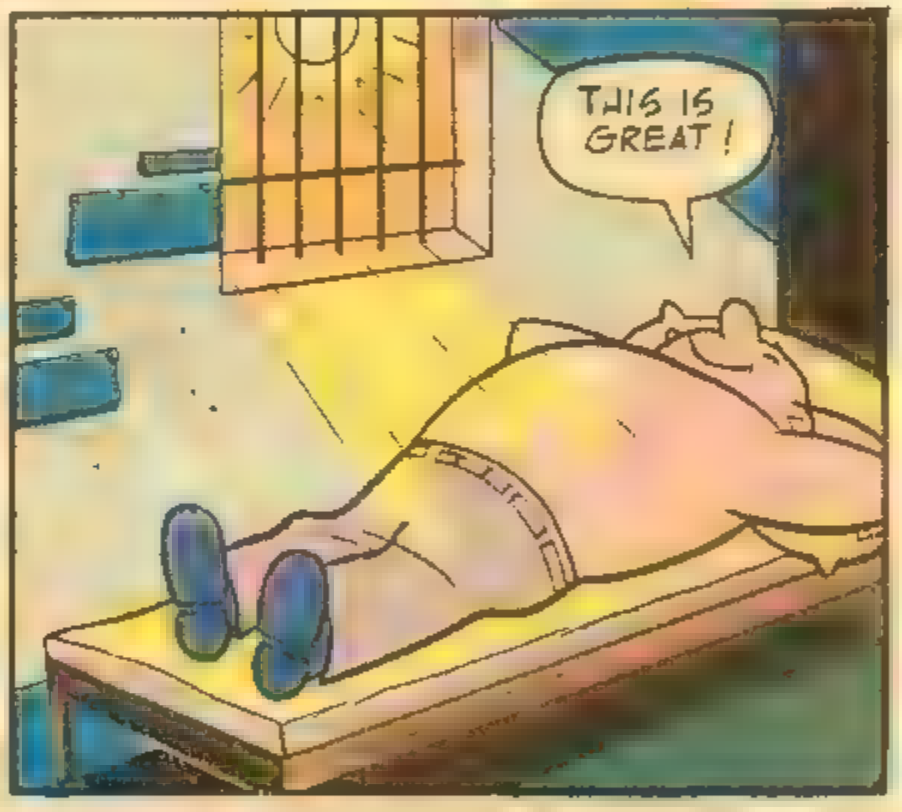
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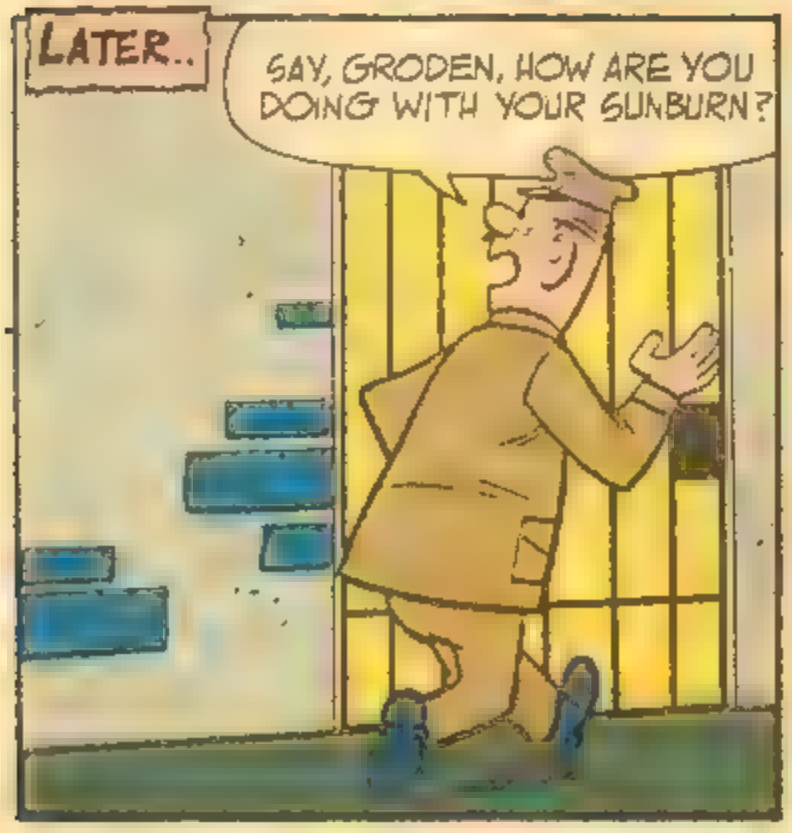
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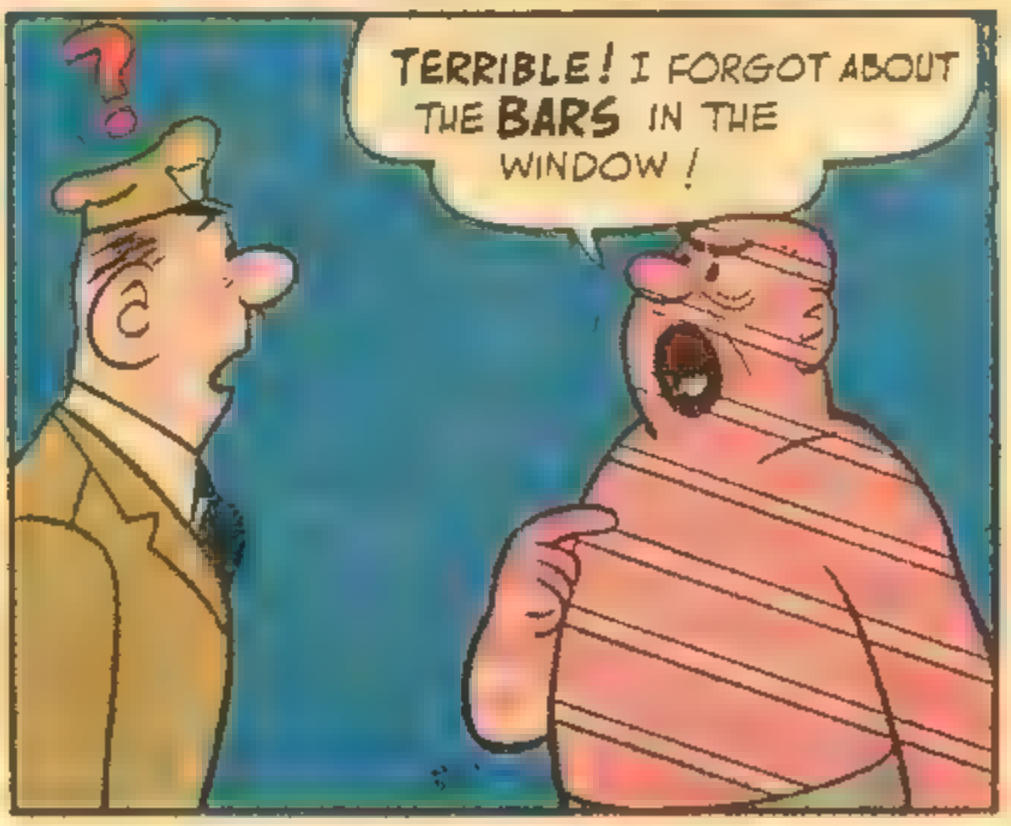
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TERRIBLE! I FORGOT ABOUT THE BARS IN THE WINDOW !

THEY FELL FROM THE SKY WITHOUT WARNING--STRANGE, GIANT SEEDS THAT LEFT QUICK DESTRUCTION IN THEIR WAKE. AND ONLY THE DYNAMIC DUO, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER, STOOD BETWEEN THE SAFETY OF GOTHAM CITY AND...

BATMAN and ROBIN

the MYSTERY SEEDS from SPACE

BATMAN! THE ROBOTS SMASHING OUR **WHIRLY-BATS** TO RELEASE THE PETRIFYING GAS!

AND IF WE DON'T STOP THAT ONRUSH CLOUD, IT WILL FLOAT OVER GOTHAM CITY AND DESTROY IT!

BOB KANE

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY, ONE MORNING, A FARMER FLEES FROM HIS FIELDS..

MARTHA! CALL THE POLICE! HURRY!

THAT SOUND -- WHAT IS IT?

TWEE

EEE

SHORTLY, AT THE HOME OF PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

THAT SOUND IS COMING FROM THE NORTH, BRUCE!

IT'S NOT AN AIR RAID OR FIRE SIGNAL, DICK! LET'S TRACK IT DOWN FAST!

TWEEEEEE

AFTER SWIFTLY DONNING THEIR BATMAN AND ROBIN COSTUMES, THE PAIR FLY TOWARD THE SOURCE OF THE BIZARRE SOUND...

THE BAT-PLANE RADIO TRACES IT TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE RIVER UP AHEAD, BATMAN--

--BUT WHAT COULD BE CREATING SUCH A STRANGE NOISE?

TWEE-EEEEEEE

SEE THE CITY FROM GOTHAM TOWER

BATMAN! LOOK AT THAT GOTHAM TOWER ADVERTISEMENT! IT'S VIBRATING!

SUDDENLY...

SOUND WAVES CRACKED THE CONCRETE MODEL! AND NOW THE BRIDGE IS VIBRATING!

WHEEEEE

CITY HAMMER

ROBIN! THE BRIDGE IS CRACKING, TOO! IT'LL COLLAPSE ANY MOMENT!

TWEEEEEEEE

THE SOUND IS GETTING STRONGER! MY HEAD IS SPLITTING!

MELT ONE OF OUR EMERGENCY KIT CANDLES ROBIN! WE CAN PLUG OUR EARS WITH THE WAX TO DULL THE SOUND!

WHEEEEE

TWEEEEEE

FINALLY, AS THEY TRACK THE SOUND TO ITS ORIGIN..

GOSH! IT'S COMING FROM THIS STRANGE THING THAT LOOKS LIKE A GIANT SEED!

LET'S TRY TO STOP IT WITH OUR MINIATURE BAT-GRENADES

TWEEE

THE BAT-GRENADE DIDN'T EVEN DENT IT, BATMAN!

KA-BLAM

WHEEEEE

AND THERE'S STILL SOUND COMING FROM IT EVEN THOUGH IT'S BURIED UNDER THE AVALANCHE!

BUT THE SOUND'S MUFFLED ENOUGH TO PREVENT IT FROM DOING ANY HARM, ROBIN! WHAT COULD IT BE?

MMMM

BATMAN! ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE GIANT SEEDS FELL OUT THE SKY, ABOUT A MILE SOUTH OF HERE!

GOOD GRIEF! YOU'D BETTER COME WITH US!

YOU SAW THEM FALL OUT OF THE SKY?

RIGHT, BATMAN! I WAS TELLING THE GROUND WHEN I SAW 'EM FLOAT DOWN RIGHT AFTER THE METEORITE HIT!

A METEORITE STRUCK IN THIS AREA?

BATMAN! THERE IT IS--AND IT'S OPENING UP!

IT'S EMITTING A CLOUD OF GAS!

MAYBE THE ACID CAPSULES IN OUR UTILITY BELTS CAN DISSOLVE THE GAS! GOT TO TRY, ROBIN! IT COULD BE POISONOUS!

NO LUCK BATMAN! THAT MEANS IT'S NO KNOWN GAS, OR IT WOULD HAVE EVAPORATED!

RIGHT, ROBIN!

SLOWLY, MENACINGLY THE CLOUD FLOATS WITH THE BREEZE, AND ...

BATMAN! LOOK AT THAT TREE IT PASSED OVER--

IT SUDDENLY BECAME PETRIFIED! THAT FANTASTIC GAS MUST AFFECT EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES! LETS GET BACK TO THE BAT-PLANE, ROBIN!

BUT, BATMAN--HOW CAN WE STOP IT IN OUR WHIRLY-BATS?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! THAT CLOUD IS DRIFTING TOWARDS GOTHAM CITY--AND WE HAVE TO WORK FAST!

QUICKLY THEY MAN THEIR MACHINES, AND..

GOSH! IT PETRIFIED EVERYTHING IT PASSED OVER THE SWAMP!

GUN YOUR WHIRLY-BAT, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO GET IN FRONT OF THAT GAS CLOUD!

THEN... I GET IT, BATMAN! WE'RE TILTING OUR COPTERS SO THAT THE BACK-WASH FROM THE BLADES WILL KEEP THE GAS BOXED UP IN THE CANYON!

RIGHT, ROBIN! NOW PUT YOUR MACHINE ON AUTOMATIC AND LOWER YOUR BAT-ROPE! LET'S TRY TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY!

THE FARMER SAID A METEORITE STRUCK-- BUT THE SEISMOGRAPH IN OUR LABORATORY DIDN'T RECORD ANY VIBRATION!

THAT'S ANOTHER STRANGE THING ABOUT THIS SITUATION!

GOSH, BATMAN -- WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF SUCH AN "INVASION" OF STRANGE SEEDS? NOBODY IN OUR CRIMINAL FILES IS CLEVER ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM!

THERE SEEMS TO BE ONLY ONE ANSWER TO THIS INCREDIBLE THREAT! THOSE SEEDS CAME FROM SOMEWHERE IN OUTER SPACE!

HOW MANY SEEDS WERE THERE?

THERE WERE THREE OF THEM!

THEN THERE'S A *THIRD* SEED! GOSH, *BATMAN*--WHAT COULD BE INSIDE *THAT* ONE?

ANOTHER MENACE TO GOTHAM CITY! I'M RADIOING COMMISSIONER GORDON FOR ASSISTANCE TO HELP US FIND IT FAST, *ROBIN*!

BUT AS *BATMAN* TRIES TO WORK THE RADIO...

INTERFERENCE! BUT, *BATMAN*, HOW S IT POSS BLE? OUR *BAT-PLANE RADIO OPERATES ON A SPECIAL HIGH FREQUENCY BAND*!

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EEEEERRKK

AS *BATMAN* REMOVES A SENSITIVE TRACKING DEVICE...

THE STRANGE SEEDS MUST BE RECEIVING RADIO SIGNALS ON THAT FREQUENCY! LET'S TRACK ITS DIRECTION!

EEE-KRRK

SOON AFTER...

THERE IT IS--*THE THIRD SEED*! THE SHORT-WAVE S GNALS WERE BEING SENT TO IT!

THOSE S.GNALS MUST BE THE MEANS OF *ACTIVATING* THE OBJECTS! WE MUST *DESTROY* THE THING BEFORE IT OPENS AND EJECTS A *NEW* MENACE TO GOTHAM CITY!

EEE-KKKK

QUICKLY, THE *DYNAMIC DUO* GOES INTO ACTION...

WHEW

IT--IT'S MOVING!

BUT AS THE BOULDER STRIKES ITS TARGET...

GREAT GOSH! THE SEED FLIPPED THAT ROCK INTO THE AIR AS IF IT WERE MADE OF PAPER!

BOP!

ABRUPTLY...

A COLLAPSIBLE ROBOT--BIGGER THAN THE SEED ITSELF! IT MUST'VE BEEN FOLDED INSIDE!

IT'S HEADING TOWARD THE RIVER, WHERE WE LOCATED THE FIRST SEED! LET'S FOLLOW...

SHORTLY...

LOOK AT THAT! IT'S TRYING TO DIG OUT THE FIRST SEED!

ITS PURPOSE MUST BE TO PROTECT AND SERVE OTHER TWO SEEDS

MMMMMMM

MAKE FOR THE BAT-PLANE, ROBIN--WE'VE GOT THREE DANGERS TO COPE WITH NOW!

RIGHT BATMAN!

SOON AFTER

BUT, BATMAN, HOW CAN WE FIGHT THREE MENACES FROM THE BAT-PLANE?

WE CAN'T, ROBIN.

OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO FIND THE SOURCE OF POWER THAT'S OPERATING THEM--THE METEORITE!

BUT CAN WE FIND IT IN TIME?

AND AS THE CAPED CRIME FIGHTERS TRACK THE OMINOUS "SEED" SIGNALS...

BATMAN! IT'S SMASHING OUR WHIRLY-BATS TO RELEASE THE PETRIFYING GAS! IF WE DON'T STOP IT, THE GAS WILL FLOAT OVER GOTHAM CITY!

TOO LATE FOR THAT, ROBIN...

...THE UNIT THAT CONTROLS THEM IS THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE ATTACK--IF WE FIND IT!

GOSH! NERVE-SHATTERING SOUND, A PETRIFYING GAS AND A ROBOT INVADING THE CITY!

WEEE

TENSE MINUTES AFTERWARD...

THERE IT IS, BATMAN! BUT IT'S A MACHINE THAT LOOKS LIKE STEEL! HOW CAN WE DESTROY IT?

SOMEHOW, WE MUST, ROBIN! GET OUT THE GRAPPLING HOOKS!

ERRRK ERRRK

CAREFULLY THEY LOWER THE HOOKS UNTIL...

GOT IT, BATMAN! NO WONDER WE DIDN'T PICK UP ITS IMPACT ON THE SEISMOGRAPH--IT LANDED LIKE A FEATHER!

A CONTROLLED LANDING, ROBIN! HANG ON--WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THOSE MENACES THEIR FIRST VICTIM!

SKILLFULLY BATMAN DANGLES THE METEORITE...

THE GAS CLOUD PETRIFIED IT, BATMAN!

AND THAT SHOULD MAKE IT BRITTLE ENOUGH...

...FOR THE HIGH-FREQUENCY SOUND MACHINE TO SHATTER IT!

WE DID IT!

WHEEE

AND SHORTLY AFTER...

WHEW! THE GAS HAS VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!

AND THE ROBOT AND SOUND SEED ARE DISINTEGRATING!

ANYWAY-- GOTHAM CITY IS SAFE!

GEE, BATMAN-- WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE ANOTHER PLANET WOULD SEND OBJECTS LIKE THAT TO ATTACK EARTH?

WE CAN'T BE SURE THAT IT DID, ROBIN!

THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN ERROR MADE, AND EARTH WAS MISTAKENLY ATTACKED BY A HOSTILE FORCE IN SPACE!

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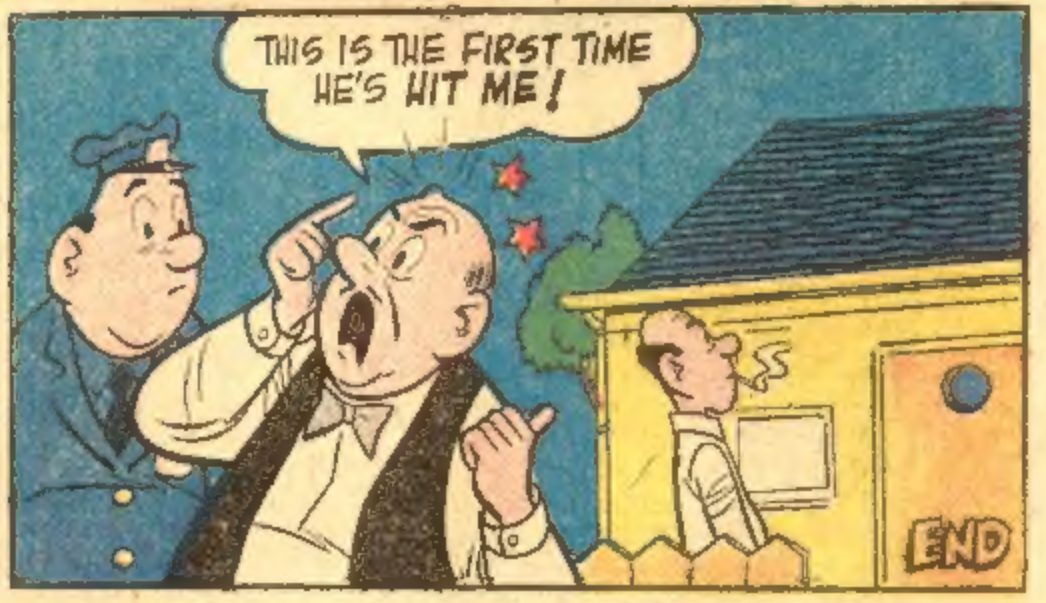

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